

# Newsletter 16 – Spring 1



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 1 Infant Sportshall Athletics	
Wednesday	Year 2 Infant Sportshall Athletics	
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Clubs start this week	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.</b>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

**EYFS:** Freddie H (RA), Jaime (RB)

**KS1:** Rhys (1A), Oliver (1B), Teddie (2B)

**KS2:** Ben Durkin (5A), Koby Melling (5B) Harrison 3A Kaja (3B), Brooke (4A)

### The Hub 1 and 2

The Hub 1 and 2 had a very exciting start to the Spring term, when both classes visited the gym together. The children have a great time exploring the activities on offer, and it was lovely to see the children who are familiar with the gym helping the children who were visiting for the first time.



## Nursery

In nursery this week we found different animals frozen in the ice. We thought very hard about how we could melt the ice to free the animals. As a group we worked together to use resources in nursery to melt the ice. It was very cold. Inside the ice we found a penguin, whale, polar bear, walrus and a seal. We discussed when the ice melted it changed to water.



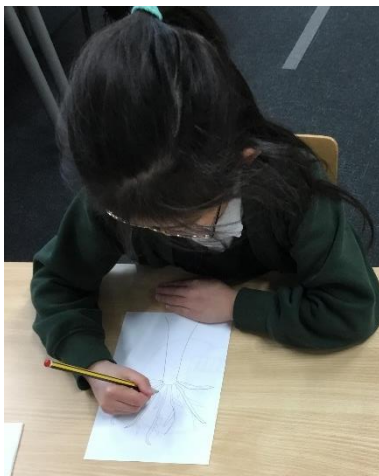
## Reception

Reception have had a great first week back! We have loved exploring our new topic Castles and Dragons in the new role play area!



## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have created some trees inspired by winter. They created their drawings and then prints of a winter tree. They designed their tree first before transferring it onto printing foam.



## Year 2

Today Year 2 had lots of fun taking part in a Chinese dance workshop creating a traditional dragon dance. We found out information about how Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year and that this year is the year of the dragon.



### Year 3

This week in Literacy we were introduced to our new book 'The Skies Above My Eyes'. We began to learn more about space and used ink and oil pastel to create some make believe planets. This half term we will be creating lots of space themed writing.



### Year 4

In geography this week, we learned about rainfall and the meandering journey of rivers. We created a mountain, hill and valley out of soil and sand and predicted what would happen when "rain" from our watering cans fell on these landscapes.

We found it hard to create our mountains, hills and valleys, but we still managed to see some of the results we predicted, despite the mess!!!



## Year 5

The children have settled back into class really well and they are enjoying exploring and learning facts and information about our new topic The Vikings. They thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week and are excited for their next lesson.



## Year 6

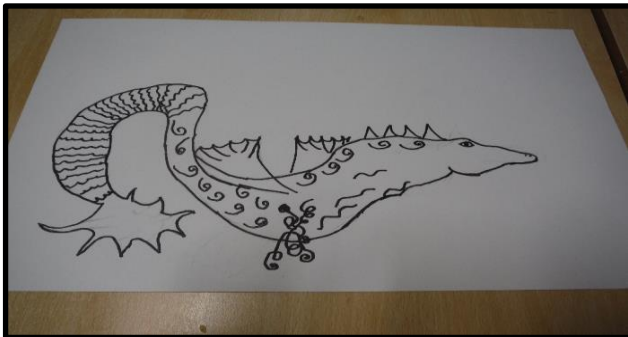
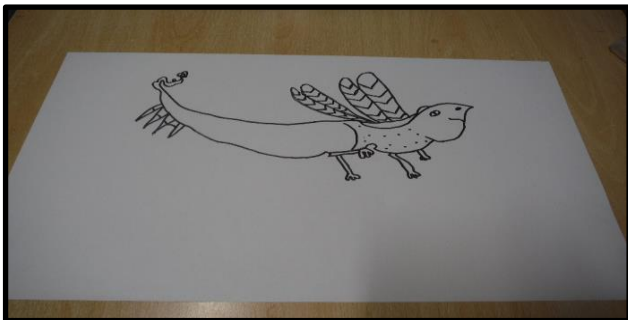
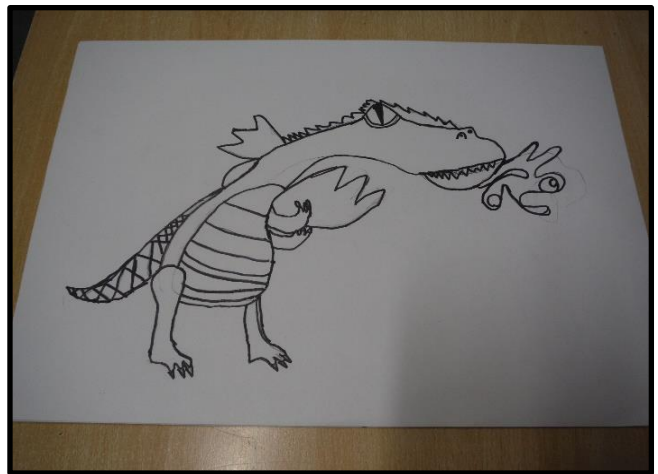
Year 6 have enjoyed exploring the text 'The Good Thieves' in Literacy this week. We have got to know the text and the style of writing that we will be using over the coming weeks through some drama activities.



## Art News

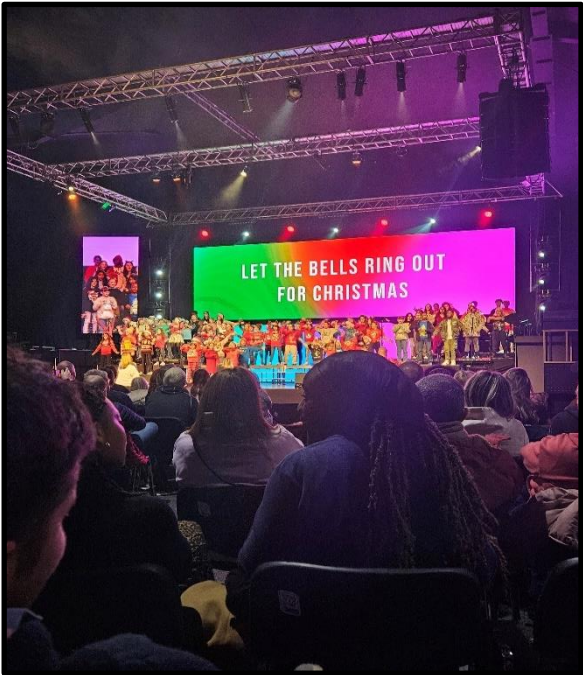
### Focus on Year 2

Year 2 have been thinking about China this week, with a particular focus on dragons. We looked at examples of dragons to inspire us and thought about their various features. We decided which type of dragon we particularly liked and drew our own version. We concentrated on the linear part of our drawings today and will add colour next week. This will help us with work we are doing in literacy too. Our dragons are fantastic! Here are a few examples:



Artwork by Evalina, Fabian, Keira, Uzra, Lena and Julia. Great work Year 2!

Performing Arts News



After a wonderfully busy time before Christmas, our Soul Children Choir will be taking a break this half term to have a rest before we start preparing for our next lot of performances. If you would like to join in Spring 2 term, look out for information, or speak to Mrs Walsh. 😊

## PE News

### SPORTS COUNCIL

We will announce our new sports council and ambassadors next week in our celebration assemblies.

### Winter PE kit

During these cold months it is important that children are fully prepared for outdoor pe lessons so please see below as a reminder of the outdoor PE kit your children should have in school.

Outdoor PE kit: Black or navy blue plain jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy-blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



### Clubs

Clubs return next week! Clubs will continue to take place after school, but also during lunchtime and before school to give the children as many opportunities as possible to take part in extra-curricular activities.

Clubs will run from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. **Sewing club will only run for 3 weeks, on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> of January and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.** All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will be free of charge. If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor. **All clubs will go live on Arbor today (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January) from 4pm.**

Miss Brown's year 5/6 before-school dodgeball club will continue after Christmas from 8:20-8:40am on the all-weather pitch. There is no need to book onto this club. The year 5 and 6 children can join in the club when they arrive at school.

### Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

#### Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys and girls Gymnastics  (max 16)	1 - 2	11:45-12:20	Jasmine & Alisha Evanson  (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls Gymnastics (Max 15)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Harrington  WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall



Boys football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
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### Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Gymnastics (max 20)	3-4	12:00-12:35	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Sewing Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	The Sewing Coach (outside provider)	FREE	KS2 classroom
Boys and girls Gymnastics (Max 15)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Solar dome
Boys football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch

### Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Street Dance	1 - 2	12:00- 12:30pm	Hannah Wood (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Dance Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall/Solar dome

### Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball	5-6	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk	FREE	All weather pitch

(max 30)			WA PE Specialist		
Sportshall Athletics	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown	FREE	Irlam Hall
(max 18)	INVITE ONLY		WA PE Specialist		

### Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Performing Arts (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Girls Football (max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch

### Club places

If there is a high demand for certain clubs, we will look to ensure all children who wish to go to the club, but do not get a place this term, have the opportunity to attend the club at some point across the school year.

Below are the conditions that we will be following to keep our clubs process fair and consistent.

- If you would like your children to sign up for a club we recommend that you sign up on the day that the clubs go live. If you have been unsuccessful please make sure you pop in to the office and place your child on the waiting list.
- If you have been successful, please ensure your child is aware that the club will run for the whole half term and they are expected to attend each week.
- If your child no longer wants to attend it is your responsibility to contact the office to inform them that your child no longer wants a place. This way we can remove your child from the register and add someone from the waiting list.
- If your child does not attend for **2 consecutive weeks** (without reason) you will then be contacted and your child will be automatically removed to allow someone from the waiting list to attend.
- If your child has a space, we expect them to follow the school rules outlined in our behaviour policy during club. If your child displays disruptive behaviour you will be informed and their place will be removed.
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### Weather

The school has worked hard to invest in an all-weather Astroturf so that your children can participate in sports all year round. This does mean that if it is raining during clubs such as football and dodgeball that clubs will continue to run on the all- weather pitch. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing i.e. coat, trousers, jumpers so that we can continue to offer high quality sports clubs.

If you do not wish for your child to participate when it is raining it is your responsibility to collect them at 3.15pm.

**Sports clothing**

Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing for their after-school club. If the club is run outside then jumpers, joggers and coats are needed. If your child participates in football we are asking if they can bring trainers as well as football boots (if they have them). Football boots will only be worn if the club is taking place on the field as we are no longer able to use studs on the all-weather pitch.

**Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time.**

**If children are not collected from clubs on time they will be taken to Wizz Kids and will need to be collected from there. You will be charged for their time in Wizz Kids.**

# GYPSY AND TRAVELLER HEALTH EVENT

10AM-2PM 22ND JANUARY 2024



NANTWICH CIVIC HALL,  
MARKET STREET, NANTWICH,  
CHESHIRE, CW5 5DG

Do you want to find out more  
about your health?  
Come along for friendly health  
information and advice for you  
and your family

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- FREE FOOD & DRINKS
- FREE GEL NAIL MANICURES
- FREE EYEBROW  
SHAPING/WAXING
- FREE GOODY BAGS
- TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

**THE EVENT IS COMPLETELY FREE  
NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

CHILDREN  
WELCOME

Free bouncy castle and face painting.

